



Seitz Soil Profile

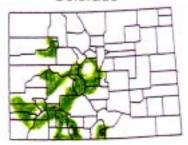
Surface layer: organic layer

Subsurface layer: pale brown cobby loam Subsoil - upper: brown cobbly loam

Subsoil - lower: brown very cobbly clay loam Substratum: very pale brown cobbly clay loam Seitz soils are used mainly for recreation and forest products. The plant community consists of an Engelmann spruce/ subalpine fir or Rocky Mountain Douglas-fir canopy with a sparse understory of grasses, forbs, and shrubs. Dramatic landscape relief and the forest vegetation supported by the Seitz and similar woodland soils combine to form the panoramic views and ambience so attractive to the state's visitors and residents alike. These soils provide shaded trails for a variety of summer and winter outdoor recreation activities and facilities. There are about 350,000 acres of Seitz soils in Colorado.

The Seitz series consists of very deep, well drained, slowly permeable soils that formed in colluvium or slope alluvium derived from igneous, sedimentary, and volcanic rocks. Seitz soils are on mountains, mainly in southwestern and central Colorado. These soils are well suited to outdoor recreation and the growth of forest-related products in moderately steep or more gently sloping areas.

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